

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Pihonak:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, which was mailed November 12, 2009, the Applicants respectfully elect **Group I**, claims 1-7, 13, and 14, drawn to a compound of formula 1 and a composition.

The Applicants respectfully assert that simultaneous examination in the instant application of Groups I, IV, and V would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. *See MPEP § 803* (“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”).

Election of Species

With respect to Group I, and Groups IV and V if examined in the instant application, the Applicants respectfully elect compounds **G**, **J**, **M**, and **P** (reproduced below), which are depicted on page 23 of the underlying published PCT application.